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113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Waco, Texas,
as the “Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FLORES (for himself and Mr. O’ROURKE) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To name the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center
in Waco, Texas, as the “Doris Miller Department of
Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) On October 12, 1919, Doris Miller was born
6 in Waco, Texas .

7 (2) On September 16, 1939, Miller enlisted in
8 United States Navy as mess attendant, third class at

1 Naval Recruiting Station, Dallas, Texas to serve for
2 a period of six years.

3 (3) On February 16, 1941, Miller received a
4 change of rating to mess attendant, second class.

5 (4) On June 1, 1942, Miller received a change
6 of rating to mess attendant, first class.

7 (5) On June 1, 1943, Miller received a change
8 of rating, to cook, third class.

9 (6) On November 25, 1944, Miller was pre-
10 sumed dead by the Secretary of the Navy a year and
11 a day after being carried as missing in action since
12 November 24, 1943 while serving aboard U.S.S.
13 Liscome Bay when that vessel was torpedoed and
14 sunk in the Pacific Ocean.

15 (7) Miller was awarded the Navy Cross Medal,
16 Purple Heart Medal, American Defense Service
17 Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and World
18 War II Victory Medal.

19 (8) Miller's citation for the Navy Cross said
20 "for distinguished devotion to duty, extraordinary
21 courage and disregard for his own personal safety
22 during the attack on the Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Ter-
23 ritory of Hawaii, by Japanese forces on December 7,
24 1941. While at the side of his Captain on the bridge,
25 Miller, despite enemy strafing and bombing and in

1 the face of a serious fire, assisted in moving his
2 Captain, who had been mortally wounded, to a place
3 of greater safety, and later manned and operated a
4 machine gun directed at enemy Japanese attacking
5 aircraft until ordered to leave the bridge.”.

6 (9) On June 20, 1973, the U.S.S. Miller (FF-
7 1091), a Knox-class frigate, was named in honor of
8 Doris Miller.

9 **SEC. 2. NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
10 **MEDICAL CENTER, WACO, TEXAS.**

11 The Department of Veterans Affairs medical center
12 in Waco, Texas, shall after the date of the enactment of
13 this Act be known and designated as the “Doris Miller
14 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”. Any ref-
15 erence to such medical center in any law, regulation, map,
16 document, record, or other paper of the United States
17 shall be considered to be a reference to the Doris Miller
18 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.